

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has played a vital role in the enactment of tougher anti-drunk driving laws resulting in a drop in alcohol related traffic deaths; and,

*Whereas*, Alcohol-impaired driving remains one of the nation's most frequently committed crimes, and there remains a critical need for continued education, increased enforcement, and tougher laws and penalties for offenders; and,

*Whereas*, In 2011, there were 37 deaths and 633 injuries in South Dakota due to impaired drivers; and,

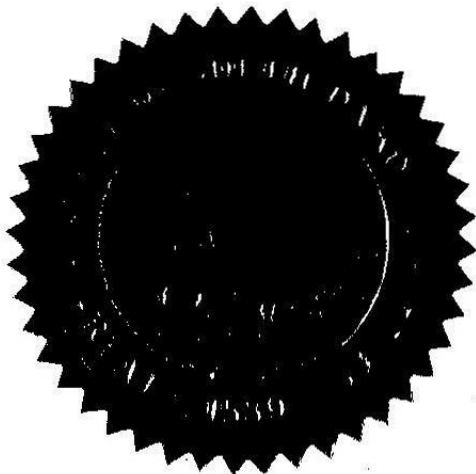
*Whereas*, In 2012, MADD's campaign to eliminate drunk driving marks the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We take this opportunity to acknowledge their commitment to the community to continue their efforts to eliminate drunk driving by the use of education, legislation, law enforcement, and their grass roots activism; and,

*Whereas*, Business, government, law enforcement, service organizations, youth, senior citizens, military, sports team, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to safe, sober driving by tying a MADD red ribbon to a visible location on their vehicles this holiday season:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 2012 as

## **MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING MONTH**

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State